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Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement dated February 9, 2006, wherein the examiner alleged that pending claims 1-6 were directed to 2 distinct inventions and required restriction.